

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett
Proudly Presents Montgomery County's Twelfth Annual

Black History Month 2007



"Inspired By Our History, United By Our Future"

Montgomery County



9th Annual Black History Month Celebration Kick-Off Thursday, February 1, 7 p.m.

The Office of County Executive presents the Black History Month Celebration Kick-Off. Honored Guest: The Reverend Ruby Reese Moone, President, Maryland State Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Event takes place in the Executive Office Building, Lobby and Auditorium, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville. For more information, call 240-777-2500.

A Musical

Wednesday, February 21, 2-4 p.m.

"Negro Spiritual", The Heritage Signature Chorale. EOB Auditorium, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland. For more information, call Robin Simon, 240-777-1293.

Folklore Stories and Fables

Saturday, February 3, 2 p.m.

Folklore, Stories and Fables performed by Baba Jamal Koram. Stories and music, suitable for all ages, designed to promote an understanding of the cultural contribution of Africans and African Americans around the world. For more information, please call the Long Branch Library at 240-777-0910.

African Literature

Monday, February 12, 7 p.m.

Ms. Jo Stallworth, organizer of African American Book Groups for Montgomery County Public Libraries will feature a book talk on African American Literature. For more information, please call the Long Branch Library at 240-777-0910.

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission



Brown v. Board of Education

Friday, February 2, 7:30 p.m.

Sandy Spring Slave Museum, 18524 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring

"Brown v. Board of Education – Context and Legacy" presentation by Debra Newman Ham. Few people realize the number of scholars from various disciplines who were called upon to build or strengthen the school desegregation cases leading up to Brown v. Board of Education, including historian John Hope Franklin and social psychologists Mamie and Kenneth Bancroft Clark. In this lecture, Debra Newman Ham focuses on strategies employed by the NAACP and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in their assault on segregation in American Schools. Sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Planning, The Montgomery County Historical Society, the Sandy Spring Slave Museum, and the Maryland Humanities Council. Call 301-563-3405 for more information.

African American Folktales

Saturday, February 10, 3:30 p.m.

African American Folktales told by acclaimed storyteller, Diane Macklin, captivates the young and old with her dancing hands, lyrical voice, and high energy. Her engaging style is charming as well as delightful. As an American storyteller, telling in the African "griote" Tradition, her work inspires hope, peace, justice, through world folktales and creative personal narratives. Sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Planning, and the Montgomery County Historical Society. Call 301-340-2825 for more information.

The Office of Community Outreach would like to thank the residents of Montgomery County for their continued support of County sponsored events.

Montgomery College



For more information on these events, please call Marcus Peanort at 301-279-5055 or Alonzo Smith, 301-251-7283.

Introduction of African American History Month

Thursday, February 1, 11-12:30 p.m.

Introduction of African American History Month. Distribution of printed calendars. Announcement of Black Facts competition (ongoing). Intro panel discussion, "Why Do We Need African American History Month?", with professors Christiana Tah, Sociology/Anthropology; John Reidl, History/Political Science; and Alonzo Smith, History/Political Science.

African Drumming Classes

Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 4-5 p.m.

African Drumming Classes, with Amadou Kouyate, 150th generation Mandinka drumming master. MU 124 (These drumming classes will be every Monday, beginning January 29th).

HIV/AIDS Crisis in the Black Community

Wednesday, February 7, 7-8 p.m.

"HIV/AIDS Crisis in the Black Community: Have You Been Tested Lately?" Panelists: Anita Neal Powell, Lincoln Park Historical Foundation; Rev. Paulette M. E. Steven, Black Ministers Conference of Montgomery County; and Tina Clarke, African American Liaison Officer to the County Executive.

Judaism in Africa

Monday, February 12, 7 p.m.

Judaism in Africa, Rabbi Howard Gorin, Tikvat Israel Congregation, Rockville, Maryland.

Film Presentation

Wednesday, February 14, 12 noon

"Boys of Baraka" (African-American)

Film Presentation

Wednesday, February 21, 12 noon

"Dirty Pretty Things" (Afro-European)

Black History Month Breakfast

Thursday, February 22, 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Montgomery County African American Chamber of Commerce, Black History Month Breakfast, RV TA Building.

African Americans and the Civil War

Saturday, February 22, 11 a.m. - 12 noon

"African Americans and the Civil War", panel discussion by Ben Hawley, U.S. Colored Troops reenactor; Rohn Reidl, History/Political Science; and Alonzo Smith, History/Political Science.

Presentation

Monday, February 26, 2-3:30 p.m.

"Where the Rain Began To Beat Us, and Where We Must Dry Our Bodies", attitudes of young Africans towards their traditional cultures. Professor Christina Okechukwu.

Exploration of American Indian and Black Genealogy

Wednesday, February 28, 2 p.m.

The multicultural identities of people of color in the U.S. An exploration of American Indian and Black genealogy, with Gregory Hamilton and Margo Williams.

*Don't miss the
art exhibit showcasing
the Montgomery County
Public Schools in the
Lobby Level Gallery!
Plan to attend these
exciting events!*